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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S. 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date February 11, 1935.

Subject (in full) Newspaper report regarding the stoning of a girl rider by Chinese villagers on Great Western Road.

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by H. Gruhl

Regarding the attached newspaper cutting dealing with the stoning of a foreign girl rider on Great Western Road on February 4, after interviewing an eye-witness and officers of Bubbling Well Station who investigated the case, I have to state that the report though exaggerated, was founded on fact.

Mr. JH. Koch (Swiss) of Huber and Co., 136 Canton Road, who witnessed and was involved in the incident gave the following version.

At about 2 p.m. February 4, accompanied by Mr.E.R. Mason of the North China Daily News, he was walking along Great Western Road, and when approaching the junction of Great Western and Hungjao Roads, observed two foreign girls, one mounted and one on foot, surrounded by a crowd of Chinese, one of whom was holding a pony. Upon his inquiring the cause of the trouble, one of the girls stated that she had been thrown, and her pony had been captured by a Chinese who was demanding $10 which she refused to pay. Mr. Koch then asked the Chinese to return the pony. Upon the latter refusing to comply with the request, Mr. Koch struck him on the mouth and took the pony from him. He was assisting the girl to mount when someone in the crowd threw a stone which struck her on the back of the head. With the assistance of Mr. Mason, the injured girl was placed in a ricsha, and telling her companion who had remained in the saddle to ride on ahead, the two men accompanied the injured girl to the house of Mr. Tackaberry, some little distance away. No more stones were thrown and the attitude of the crowd was not menacing. A friend of Mr. Tackaberry dressed the wound which was not a serious one,

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after which the two girls were conveyed by car to the junction of Avenue Joffre and Route Doumer, and alighted there after thanking their rescuers. Beyond the fact that they were Russians and both young, neither Mr. Koch nor the other persons involved could give any information regarding the names and addresses of the girls and inquiries by the undersigned have failed to establish their identity. The two ponies were taken back to a Chinese stable by a mafoo who had followed the girls.

Officers of Bubbling Well Station who made investigations at the scene of the incident substantiate Mr. Koch's statement.

The newspaper report to the effect that the girls were mobbed is exaggerated. The payment of a sum of money as a reward to the person who captures a runaway pony is a custom to which most riders conform, and the Chinese in this case was naturally reluctant to return the pony without receiving the reward. The throwing of the stone followed the impetuous action of Mr. Koch, and the newspaper report does not include a record of this incident.

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J. McKown.
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Commissioner of Police,
Sir.
For information.
T. P. Gwynn
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GIRLS MOBBED OUT RIDING

Hungjao Road Villagers Wound One

RESCUED BY TWO MEN

Mystery of Identity Not Yet Solved

An ugly incident occurred shortly after the tiffin hour on Monday just off Hungjao Road, when two young foreign girls, out for an afternoon's riding, were attacked by a mob of Chinese villagers. They were rescued by two foreigners out for a stroll, who came on to the scene just as things were getting tense. One girl had her head badly cut by a flying stone.

How the incident started is not known. Messrs. E. R. Mason and J. L. Koch were walking along Hungjao Road and, near the corner where warren and Great Western Roads join Hungjao Road, they saw one girl mounted, surrounded by a crowd of angry Chinese. On running forward, they found the second girl dismounted. The riderless pony was being led away by some Chinese. The two men immediately interfered, secured the pony, and were helping the young woman to mount again just as stones began to fly. One big one, hurled by one of the villagers, hit her on the back of the head, cutting it open. It knocked her off the pony again, practically unconscious.

Rickshaw Commandeered

Stones then began to fly in greater numbers, each of the four foreigners being hit, though without any damage. Fortunately a rickshaw was standing near. The men bundled the wounded girl into this and, while one secured the pony, they ran for the house of a friend, Mr. H. J. Tacksberry, not far away. The four reached the house in safety, though they were chased by the growing mob of Chinese.

The crowd became more and more threatening and a call was put in immediately to the Bubbling Well Station of the Shanghai Municipal Police. While this was being done, a nurse was summoned and the young woman's head was attended to and dressed. As she had regained consciousness she was put into a car and rushed to the city before the arrival of the police.

When the police arrived the villagers had scattered and, though every attempt was made to find the cause of the trouble and all evidence that could be secured was taken, very little was learned.

The two foreign girls, apparently eighteen or fifteen years of age, were unknown to any of their rescuers. In the general excitement their names were not ascertained.

SI. Please verify and report. If true, a reference should be made to the incident in the monthly report.

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File No. D 6474

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 2, Special Branch, Section.

REPORT

Date February 12, 1935.

Subject: Activities of A.S. Rybin, Suspected Soviet Intelligence Agent.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky. Forwarded by DBRos D.C.

Information has been received that A.S. Rybin, Soviet citizen, who forms the subject of files D.5973 and I.O.7060/5, is a Soviet intelligence agent. He was formerly employed with the local branch of the Centrosojus. In May, 1933 he left the service in that concern and soon afterwards joined the firm "Bent Brothers", 755-61 Bubbling Well Road, which is reported to be financed by Dalbank and to have several Soviet citizens among its employees. It is believed that Rybin's employment with the latter firm is only a camouflage of his real activities in the capacity of a Soviet intelligence agent. In this connection it is reported that Rybin recently approached a certain Russian who formerly was connected with the Japanese intelligence organs, and proposed to him to furnish information regarding Japanese activities, stating that he was working for the American Intelligence Service. On one occasion the Russian received from Rybin $150 for a plan of a certain Japanese factory and on another occasion $50 for a report on Japanese activities in Mongolia.

Rybin resides at No. 1333 Avenue Joffre, Apt. H. He is on intimate terms with one Nina Vladimirovna Gertz, Soviet citizen, light opera singer by profession, who at present owns the "Iris" Ladies Hat & Dress-making Salon, No. 216 Rue Cardinal Mercier. It is reported that she is member of the RABIS (Union of Soviet Stage Workers) and that she assists Rybin in his intelligence work. Mrs. Gertz, who speaks English, German and French languages, has a large clientele among foreign ladies.

* Extracts from files attached.

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Extract from File D.5873 - Bent Bros. & Co.

Another manager of the firm is Alexander Sergeevitch Rybin, ex-manager of the Textile Department of the local branch of the Centrosojus, who was discharged in May, 1933. Through Rybin's acquaintance, Bent Bros. is being patronised by the members of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, the Consulate-General and other Soviet establishments.

EXTRACTS FROM FILE I.O. 7860/25

Report by D.S.Tcheramshansky, S. 2 dated May 3, 1933.

" Information has been received that A. S. Rybin, Manager of Central Department of the local branch of Centrosojus was discharged on May 1, 1933. It is reported that he was discharged as a result of instructions to relieve non communist adherents by trustworthy employees. He resides at Flat 22, No. 135 Weihaiwei Road. "

Report by D.S.Tcheramshansky dated March 17, 1933.

" Alleged reorganization of " Centrosojus ".....

(7) General Department...Manager A.S.Rybin who resides at Flat 22, No.135 Weihaiwei Road.

Report by D.S.Tcheramshansky, S. 2 dated November 14, 1932.

" A.S.Rybin, employee of the Centrosojus (England) Ltd. returned to Shanghai from Dairen on November 13, 1932 by the s.s. Hoten Maru. He resides at Apartment 22, No. 135 Weihaiwei Road.

RYBIN, Alexander Sergeevitch - Soviet
Formerly with Centrosojus. In May 1933 joined the firm "Bent Brothers".

GERTZ, Nina Vladimirovna - Soviet
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